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In re Application of :
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Application No. 10/579,621 : DECISION
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This is a decision on the letter considered as a petition filed on 11 September, 2009, under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2) requesting that status as a Small Entity be removed.

NOTE:

Petitioner has the responsibility of reviewing Petitioner's records and submitting accurate information to the Office. Petitioner has a duty of candor to the Office to properly inquire to ascertain the accuracy of representations made before the Office. (See: 37 C.F.R. §1.4, §10.18, MPEP §410.)

Petitioner's submission is **ACCEPTED**.

In accordance with the request, status as a Small Entity will be removed, and Petitioner is required to pay fees at the schedule set forth for not-small entities. **The additional fees are charged to Deposit Account 50-0310, as authorized.**

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Out of an abundance of caution, Petitioners always are reminded that those registered to practice and all others who make representations before the Office **must** inquire into the

underlying facts of representations made to the Office and support averments with the appropriate documentation—since all owe to the Office the continuing duty to disclose.¹

The instant application is released to Technology Center/AU 1623 for further processing in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214—it is noted, however, that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2²) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).

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¹ See supplement of 17 June, 1999. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on Petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting a statement made by Petitioner. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 C.F.R. §10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing statements to the Patent and Trademark Office).

² The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:

§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

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